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## FSSA will amend BPHC program, pending CMS approval

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) and Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) have submitted proposed changes for the Behavioral and Primary Healthcare Coordination (BPHC) program to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. The proposed changes to the BPHC program include the following:

- The ability to request additional service units using the prior authorization (PA) process
- Changing the title of community health worker (CHW) providers that perform the BPHC service to integrated health technician (IHT) providers
- Changing the BPHC staff qualifications for individuals who complete State evaluations for the program from 3 years of post-degree experience to 2 years of post-degree experience of working with individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or substance use disorder (SUD)

The amendment to the 1915(i) State Plan Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) program will be effective October 1, 2020, pending CMS approval.

Questions about the BPHC service should be directed to:

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